

The Story of Two Survivors: The Sinner and the Devout Worshipper

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Chapter 1: The Reward of Quenching Thirst

A Journey Through the Wilderness:

According to a narration from Anas ibn Malik, the Messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), said:

Two men were travelling through a desolate wilderness.

One of them was a devout worshipper, while the other was a sinner. The worshipper became extremely thirsty and collapsed due to exhaustion.

His companion, the sinner, saw him lying on the ground in a dire state and said:

A Crisis of Conscience:

Sinner:

“By Allah! If this worshipper dies of thirst while I have water with me, I shall never receive any goodness from Allah. But if I give him my water, I will die myself.”

Despite the dilemma, he placed his trust in Allah.

He sprinkled a little water on the worshipper and gave him the remainder to drink.

The worshipper regained strength, stood up, and successfully crossed the wilderness.

The Day of Reckoning:

On the Day of Judgement, the sinner will be brought forth for accountability.

A verdict will be passed against him, sentencing him to Hell.

As the angels escort him towards the Fire, he will notice the worshipper and call out to him:

A Plea for Recognition:

Sinner:

“O so-and-so! Do you not recognise me?”

Worshipper:

“Who are you?”

Sinner:

“I am the one who gave you preference over myself in the wilderness.”

Worshipper:

“Indeed, I do recognise you.”

A Petition Before the Divine:

The worshipper will then address the angels:

An Intercession of Mercy:

Worshipper:

“Wait!”

The angels will pause. The worshipper will advance and stand before Allah, supplicating with humility:

A Call for Divine Justice:

Worshipper:

“O my Lord! You know of his act of kindness and how he preferred me over himself. O my Lord, grant him to me.”

Allah, the Exalted, will say:

The Divine Decree:

Allah:

“He is yours.”

The worshipper will then return, take the sinner by the hand, and enter Paradise with him.